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POLREP #1
MORTON STREET SITE
1020 MORTON AVENUE
CHESTER, DELAWARE COUNTY, PA 19013
ATTN: CHARLIE KLEEMAN, JOHN RILEY

EVENT: REMOVAL SITE ASSESSMENT

- I. SITUATION: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1995
- A. THE CHESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT (CFD) RESPONDED TO A FIRE SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, AND NOTIFIED EPA REGION III THAT MULTIPLE UNKNOWN DRUMS, PAILS, ASSORTED CONTAINERS AND TRANSFORMERS WERE LOCATED ON SITE.
 - B. ON SEPTEMBER 28, 1995, OSC GUARNI AND CIVIL INVESTIGATOR RICHARDSON INTERVIEWED MR. FRANK SULLIGAN, OWNER OF 1020 MORTON AVENUE. AT THAT TIME, MR. SULLIGAN GRANTED ACCESS TO THE FACILITY FOR EPA TO PERFORM A PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT.
 - C. ON OCTOBER 3, 1995 OSC GUARNI RECEIVED A WRITTEN VERIFICATION FROM MR. SULLIGAN'S LEGAL COUNSEL FOR SITE ACCESS.
 - D. THE SITE IS A VACANT FACILITY, AND PAST HISTORY INDICATES THE BUILDING WAS USED AS A DYE FACILITY.
 - E. PERSONNEL ON SITE: EPA-2, SATA-3, CFD-8.
 - F. WEATHER: SUNNY AND TEMPERATURES IN THE UPPER 70'S.

II. ACTIONS TAKEN:

- A. CFD REQUESTED U.S. EPA REGION III EMERGENCY REMOVALS SECTION TO CONDUCT AN ASSESSMENT AT THE VACANT FACILITY.
- B. OSC GUARNI AND SATA TEAM ARRIVED ON SITE ACCOMPANIED WITH PROPERTY OWNER, MR. SULLIGAN. THE PROPERTY FENCE WAS SECURED, AND MR. SULLIGAN HAD NOT BEEN NOTIFIED OF THE WELDING OF THE FENCE. THESE ACTIONS WERE WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE. OSC OBTAINED PERMISSION FROM MR. SULLIGAN TO CUT THE GATE OPEN. OSC GUARNI CONTACTED CFD WHO RESPONDED TO THE SITE, AND OPENED THE GATE.
- C. INITIAL SITE ASSESSMENT WAS PERFORMED BY THE OSC, SATA TEAM, SULLIGAN, AND CFD R. GRIFFIN. THE FACILITY IS APPROXIMATELY 56,000 SQUARE FEET, AND HALF OF THE BUILDING APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN DESTROYED.
- D. SATA TEAM PERFORMED AIR MONITORING AND OBTAINED NO SIGNIFICANT READINGS INSIDE THE FORMER DYE FACILITY. THE STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY OF THE FORMER DYING AREA WAS ASSESSED TO BE SAFE FOR ENTRY. DURING THE PRESITE INTERVIEW WITH THE PROPERTY OWNER, MR. SULLIGAN INFORMED THE OSC THAT THERE WERE TRANSFORMERS ON SITE CONTAINING PCBs. THE ASSESSMENT INDICATED THAT THE TRANSFORMERS WERE NOT PRESENT AND IT APPEARED THAT THEY HAD BEEN REMOVED. THE AREA WHERE THE TRANSFORMERS HAD BEEN CONTAINED

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SUSPECTED OIL-STAINED SOIL. APPROXIMATELY 2-3 FEET OF AN AQUEOUS SOLUTION ACCUMULATED IN THE LOWER LEVEL OF THE BUILDING. ALSO LOCATED IN THIS LOWER LEVEL WERE DRUMS, CONTAINERS, TIRES AND VARIOUS DISCARDED DEBRIS. THREE DRUMS, FUEL TANKS, AND A FILLING TANK WERE LOCATED OUTSIDE THE STRUCTURE IN THE REAR LOADING AREA.

- E. SARA COLLECTED TWO SURFACE SOIL SAMPLES FROM THE OUTSIDE STORAGE AREA OF THE FACILITY, AND TWO FROM THE LOCATIONS WHERE THE TRANSFORMERS WERE ONCE STORED. ADDITIONALLY, FOUR WATER SAMPLES FROM THE LOWER LEVEL OF THE BUILDING WERE COLLECTED. THE SOIL AND WATER SAMPLES ARE BEING ANALYZED FOR PCBs. DUE TO ELEVATED ORGANIC SCREENING READINGS OF THE SAMPLES, VOLATILE ORGANIC SAMPLES WERE COLLECTED.

III. FUTURE ACTIONS:

- A. PENDING ANALYTICAL RESULTS, OSC WILL MAKE DETERMINATIONS IF ANY FURTHER REMOVAL ACTIONS ARE NECESSARY.

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